

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Kelly, et al. § Group Art Unit: 3738
Serial No. 10/600,052 §
Filed: 06/20/2003 §
For: WEAR-RESISTANT
ENDOPROSTHETIC DEVICES §

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as outlined on the accompanying page.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.